GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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PHASING OUT OF OLD ROLLING STOCKS .
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Railways are not regularly phasing out of old rolling stocks viz. coaches, wagons, engines, etc. jeopardizing the passenger safety;

(b) If so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Railways thereto;

(c)Whether the installed capacity of Diesel Locomotive Works is not properly utilised resulting in under-utilisation of manpower and technology;

(d) If so, the details thereof and the reasons for under-utilisation; and

(e) The steps taken by the Railways to ensure passenger safety?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) No, Sir. Rolling Stock are regularly condemned on age-cum- condition basis.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Capacity is being fully utilised.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Safety is the prime concern of Indian Railways and all possible steps are undertaken on a continuing basis to prevent accidents. These measures include timely replacement of over aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies for upgradation and maintenance of track, rolling stock, signalling and interlocking systems, safety drives and inspections at regular intervals to monitor and educate staff for observance of safe practices. As a result the number of consequential train accidents have come down from 473 in 2000-2001 to 234 in 2005-06.